

Union Calendar No. 67

105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1019

[Report No. 105–112]

To provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyance involving the Raggeds Wilderness, White River National Forest, Colorado, to correct the effects of earlier erroneous land surveys.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 1997

Mr. McINNIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

JUNE 3, 1997

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT AND LAND CONVEY-**
2 **ANCE, RAGGEDS WILDERNESS, WHITE RIVER**
3 **NATIONAL FOREST, COLORADO.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Certain landowners in Gunnison County,
6 Colorado, who own real property adjacent to the por-
7 tion of the Raggeds Wilderness in the White River
8 National Forest, Colorado, have occupied or im-
9 proved their property in good faith and in reliance
10 on erroneous surveys of their properties that the
11 landowners reasonably believed were accurate.

12 (2) In 1993, a Forest Service resurvey of the
13 Raggeds Wilderness established accurate boundaries
14 between the wilderness area and adjacent private
15 lands.

16 (3) The resurvey indicated that a small portion
17 of the Raggeds Wilderness is occupied by adjacent
18 landowners on the basis of the earlier erroneous land
19 surveys.

20 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to
21 remove from the boundaries of the Raggeds Wilderness
22 certain real property so as to permit the Secretary of Agri-
23 culture to use the authority of Public Law 97–465 (com-
24 monly known as the Small Tracts Act; 16 U.S.C. 521c–
25 521i) to convey the property to the landowners who occu-
26 pied the property on the basis of erroneous land surveys.

1 (c) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—The boundary of the
2 Raggeds Wilderness, Gunnison and White River National
3 Forests, Colorado, as designated by section 102(a)(16) of
4 Public Law 96–560 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note), is hereby
5 modified to exclude from the area encompassed by the wil-
6 derness a parcel of real property approximately 0.86-acres
7 in size situated in the SW¹/₄ of the NE¹/₄ of Section 28,
8 Township 11 South, Range 88 West of the 6th Principal
9 Meridian, as depicted on the map entitled “Encroachment-
10 Raggeds Wilderness”, dated November 17, 1993. Such
11 map shall be on file and available for inspection in the
12 appropriate offices of the United States Forest Service,
13 Department of Agriculture.

14 (d) CONVEYANCE OF LAND REMOVED FROM WIL-
15 DERNESS AREA.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall use
16 the authority provided by Public Law 97–465 (commonly
17 known as the Small Tracts Act; 16 U.S.C. 521c–521i) to
18 convey all right, title, and interest of the United States
19 in and to the real property excluded from the boundaries
20 of the Raggeds Wilderness under subsection (c) to those
21 owners of real property in Gunnison County, Colorado,
22 whose real property adjoins the excluded lands and who
23 have occupied the excluded lands in good faith reliance
24 on an erroneous survey.

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